


BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 92-113-C and 2000-121-C ✓ ORDER NO. 2003-346 

MAY 23, 2003

IN RE: Docket No. 92-113-C - Application of South Carolina Net, Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate as a Reseller of Interexchange Telecommunications Services within the State of South Carolina)	ORDER APPROVING
)	NAME MODIFICATION
)	AND AMENDING
)	CERTIFICATES
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and)	
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Docket No. 2000-121-C – Application of South Carolina Net, Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Local Exchange and Exchange Access Telecommunications Services in the State of South Carolina and for Flexible Regulation)	
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of South Carolina Net, Inc. (SC Net or the Company) for approval of a modification of the Company's name by which it will be doing business in South Carolina. SC Net proposes to amend the Company's name to South Carolina Net, Inc. d/b/a Spirit Telecom.

A review of the docket files reveals that SC Net was granted authority to provide resold interexchange telecommunications services within the State of South Carolina in by Order No. 92-333, dated May 13, 1992, in Docket No. 92-113-C. SC Net was also granted authority to provide local exchange telecommunications services and flexible

regulation of its services in South Carolina by Order No. 2000-549, dated July 5, 2000, in Docket No. 2000-121-C.

Pursuant to the instructions of the Commission's Executive Director, SC Net published a Notice of Filing in newspapers of general circulation in the Company's service area. The Company filed affidavits showing that it had complied with the instructions of the Commission's Executive Director. No Protests or Petitions to Intervene were filed in this matter.

By its request, SC Net seeks permission from the Commission to begin marketing intrastate interLATA long distance and private line services, intrastate intraLATA long distance and private line services, and competitive local exchange services under the brand name of Spirit Telecom. SC Net advises that SC Net is owned by South Carolina Telecommunications Group (SCTG) Holdings, LLC, a holding company owned by eighteen independent and cooperative telephone companies located in South Carolina. According to SC Net, SCTG Holdings owns, in addition to SC Net, four business units which have operated independently in the past as separate business entities. SCTG Holding would like to begin marketing under a single brand name of Spirit Telecom, according to SC Net, in order to create less confusion in the marketplace as well as increase efficiencies with sales, customer service, network engineering, network operations, network provisioning, network support, technical support, human resources and accounting.

SC Net states that the Company's request does not reflect a change in ownership, transfer of assets or a new business entity, only a consolidation of products, services and

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operations under a single brand name. Moreover, SC Net adds that instead of operating as a group of affiliated business units, the business entities will acquire a new way of doing business which will allow the entities to work closely together under a common identity to meet the needs of entities' customers.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on May 20, 2003, the Commission reviewed the case before it, and after due consideration, the Commission concluded that the request of SC Net for approval of an addition of the Company's name should be granted.

The Commission's records will hereby be amended to reflect the following modification of the name of the Company:

FROM: South Carolina Net, Inc.

TO: South Carolina Net, Inc. d/b/a Spirit Telecom.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. South Carolina Net, Inc.'s request for approval of the addition of a trade name to the Company's name from South Carolina Net, Inc. to South Carolina Net, Inc. d/b/a Spirit Telecom is approved.

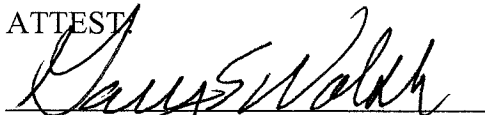
2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Mignon L. Clyburn, Chairman

ATTEST



Gary E. Walsh, Executive Director
(SEAL)